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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Friday, February 1, 2013, at 11 a.m.

Senate

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2013

The Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable HEIDI HEITKAMP, a Senator from the State of North Dakota.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Gracious Father, Your loving kindness and faithfulness draw us to You, for You deserve our complete trust and allegiance. Thank You for giving us so much more than we deserve in blessings and withholding what we deserve for our transgressions.

Lord, work through our lawmakers today, making them Your partners in solving the problems that confront our Nation. May they do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with You. Tune their minds to the frequency of Your guidance, surpassing human understanding with the gift of Your knowledge. When trying times provoke doubts and anxieties, remind them that You hold the future in Your hands.

We pray in Your sacred Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable HEIDI HEITKAMP led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication

to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. LEAHY).

The assistant legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, January 30, 2013.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable HEIDI HEITKAMP, a Senator from the State of North Dakota, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
President pro tempore.

Ms. HEITKAMP thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Madam president, following leader remarks, the Senate will be in a period of morning business for 2 hours. The majority will control the first half and the Republicans will control the second half. At 2:30 p.m. Senator KERRY will be recognized to deliver his farewell remarks. We hope to complete action on the debt limit legislation very soon.

MEASURE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR—S. 177

Mr. REID. Madam President, I am told that S. 177 is at the desk and due for a second reading. Is that correct?

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. That is correct.

The clerk will read the bill by title for the second time.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 177) to repeal the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 entirely.

Mr. REID. Madam President, I object to any further proceedings with respect to this bill.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Objection having been heard, the bill will be placed on the calendar.

HONORING SENATOR JOHN KERRY

Mr. REID. Madam President, I rise today to honor JOHN KERRY, our colleague, the senior Senator from Massachusetts. I congratulate Senator KERRY on his confirmation as our Nation's next Secretary of State.

I am pleased he will continue to serve his country in this important role. He will be missed by his Senate colleagues, that is for sure.

Senator KERRY said at his confirmation hearing that the Senate is in his blood, and that is true. As he represents America's interests around the world, his experience as a Senator will serve him and our country well.

For 28 years, Senator KERRY has been a dedicated representative of the people of Massachusetts in the Senate.

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